

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No 05-1044-B5; (EX04-044C-US))**

In the Application of: )  
Costa *et al.* )  
Serial No.: 10/556,937 ) Examiner: Gebreyesus, Kagnew H.  
Filing Date: October 31, 2006 ) Group Art Unit: 1656  
For: MARKs as Modifiers of the ) Confirmation No. 6980  
PTEN Pathway and Methods ) Of Use )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 23, 2009 in the above-mentioned application. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a five month extension of time and the appropriate fee. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.